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1. An invitation to return to the Soviet Union has lately been extended to several well known Russian expatriated scholars who were promised positions in Soviet institutions of higher learning.
2. A secretary of the Soviet Legation in Bern called in person at the home of Professor Serge Prokopovitch, former minister in Alexander Kerensky's Provisional Government, and former dean of the Law School of the University of Moscow, an expert in economic questions, and extended to him an invitation by the Soviet government to return. This invitation included also Mme Kuskova, wife of Professor Prokopovitch and a journalist. Mr. Sablin, former charge d'affaires of the Tsarist Government and of Kerensky's Provisional Government has also been made a similar offer.
3. Several Russian scholars of world-wide reputation, presently residing in the United States, including Mr. Rostovzev, an expert in Roman History, and Mr. Vassiliev, a Byzantologist, as well as some less known scholars have been made similar offers.
4. Several Russian Professors at the University of Sofia, including Mr. Demostenov, have been approached in a similar way.
5. Nicolas Berdiaev, professor of Philosophy of Religion has also been twice or three times approached to return to Russia.
6. Mr. Prokopovitch, Mme. Kuskova and the scholars in the United States have given a negative reply, pleading advanced age, fixed habits and pressure of work.
7. According to Mme Kuskova these invitations are motivated by a desire from the side of the Soviet government to impress favorably world opinion and the Russian immigration and to have an added argument for refusing Moscow's adherence to the organization for the Protection of Refugees under the UN.

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